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ABC Investigators Arrest Two Suspects for Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

(Mission Hills) Investigators from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Department arrested two suspects in the City of Mission Hills for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. The January 26 operation was conducted in an ongoing effort to reduce alcohol access to minors.

ABC Investigators conducted a program called a Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation which targets adults who purchase alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. Under the program, a minor under the direct supervision of a peace officer will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way he or she is underage and cannot purchase the alcohol.

If the adults comply, investigators then arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

For more information on the operation, contact the ABC district administrator or district supervisor at 818-901-5017.